



The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society's **EXCITER**

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- RARS General Membership meeting: **Second Tuesday** of the month.
- The RARS net meets every night except Saturday @ 8 p.m. on 146.640.
- The RARS Technical & Trader's net: Saturdays @ 8:00 PM on 146.64.
- RARS meets for a monthly dinner on the **third Tuesday** of each month.
- On the **fourth Tuesday** of every month, in-person meeting at Ridge Road Baptist Church where there will be project tables, demos, snacks, and socializing.



PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Interested in helping? Visit
<https://www.rars.org/public-service.php>

frequently for our ham public service schedule.

RARS General Meeting

Date: May 13, 2025

Topic: The Origins of Packet Cluster and DX Spotting

Presenter: Tom Lewis, N4TL

Where: Ridge Road Baptist Church

Time: In-Person and Zoom Meeting at 7:30 PM, [More info at RARS.org](https://www.rars.org)

RARS In Person Gathering

Date: May 27, 2025

Where: Ridge Road Baptist Church

Time: 7:00 PM

In-person Gathering at Ridge Road Baptist Church where there will be project tables, demos, snacks, and socializing.

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The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (RARS) was founded in 1969 and continues to serve and support the amateur radio community in the greater Triangle area. In 1999, the society incorporated a new RARS and obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status.

The objectives of the club are to promote worldwide friendship through amateur radio; to be of public service by providing radio communications in times of disaster, emergency, or civic needs; to educate members in radio technique, and to provide training classes to assist in obtaining amateur radio licenses.

Anyone interested in amateur radio is eligible to apply for membership. Regular dues for licensed amateurs are \$18 per year. (From July 1 through June 30.) Additional licensed immediate family members pay \$5 each per year. Dues for licensed full-time students and licensed seniors 60 and over are \$12 per year. Unlicensed individuals may become associate members for \$9 per year. Applications for membership are available from the treasurer or on the RARS web site.

<https://www.rars.org>

Exciter

The Exciter is the official newsletter of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. It appears each month as a PDF on the RARS website at www.rars.org. Members receive email notification when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Treasurer.

The Exciter welcomes articles, advertisements, and other contributions. To submit a piece to the newsletter, please contact the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces. The submission deadline for each month's Exciter is the Saturday that is ten days before the general meeting. All submissions must be final. Drafts are not accepted.

The views expressed in the Exciter are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or RARS.

Tom Lewis, N4TL, editor (editor@rars.org)

RARSfest 2025 was a huge success!

This was the best hamfest yet in many ways. Lots of attendees, tables sold out, great dealers, interesting forums, many hams license testing, and great ham fellowship.

We are grateful for all those that came out for our big day. You showed that our area amateur radio community is thriving!

Special thanks to:

- Our many volunteers who helped the event run smoothly
- Those that bought flea market tables
- Our commercial dealers and their excellent inventory
- The forum presenters
- Our VE team for hours of testing support
- Our committee members for months of planning and meetings

As always, we'll take what we learned this year and work on making next year even better.

If you are going to Dayton, please come to the RARSfest booth (5209) in the Hertz building at 11:00 am Saturday May 17 for the annual RARS Family Photo!



Fin Gold, NC4FG

President, Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

2025 RARSfest, Testing

Doug Wall, N3LTV submitted the following pictures taken during the test session at the RARSfest.



Stan, W2CK; Doug, N3LTV; Julie, KT4JR



Julie, KT4JR; and ??



Bob, W4FK. Watching the testing

Thanks to all the RARSfest Volunteers.

The full list can be seen here, [RARSfest Volunteers](#).

30 Minute video taken at the RARSfest, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Unsw2XCcRgE&t=4s>

RARSfest volunteer prize drawing

The drawing to award a Yaesu FT-70DR dual-band handheld radio to someone who served as a volunteer at RARSfest 2025 will take place at the May 13 general membership meeting.

You do not have to be present to win; however, we ask that all who volunteered at RARSfest attend the meeting so that the handover process is simplified. If the winner is not present at the meeting, we will try to contact him/her and arrange for handover of the prize within two weeks.

The customary door prizes will also be awarded at the May 13 meeting.

73 Chuck Till, K4RGN, RARS VP

President's Message for May 2025

Field Day is next month! June 28-29

Look for the Field Day update in this newsletter and mark your calendars! We're getting ready for a great exercise of our communications ability. It will be a great opportunity for new and experienced hams to participate.

Repeater Contact

I announced this last month, but I've been asked to tell people again. We have a new Repeater Chairman, Jon Suen KG6K. He is leading the effort to improve our repeater equipment and related services. The Repeater Committee has already improved the RTP repeater by correcting the transmitter power. Any questions about or issues with repeaters should be directed to Jon at kg6k@jsuen.com.

Behind the Scenes

You may not realize it, but the RARS Board of Directors is busy with many efforts to improve the club. Here are some current projects:

- 2025/2026 Budget planning
- Comprehensive local emergency communication plans
- Improving club storage
- Improved membership management (joining/renewing)
- Repeater upgrades (as noted above)

We'll update everyone with details as we move through discussion and decisions.

POTA Spotting

As the weather warms up, the opportunities to get outside improve, Parks On The Air (POTA) is a great way to get out and use your radios. I know of several club members who are often activating parks (even Technicians on 10 meters). They get credit for a park if they make 10 calls there.

Here is a way to help them activate.

- On Discord, there is now a #spots channel.
- Whenever a RARS club member is spotted on the official POTA website, there will be a message in that channel. Very cool!
- You can also post there when you go to a park.
- If it shows too many messages for you, click the 3 dots and "Mute channel". Then, when you want to hunt POTA you can go to the channel and see who is where.
- If you don't see the #spots channel (or any other that might be missing), click on the RARS dropdown at the top left and select "Show All Channels".
- Not on Discord yet? Here are the instructions for the [RARS Discord Server](#).

73,
Fin Gold, NC4FG
President
Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

The RARS Volunteer Exam Team

Testing was done prior to the April 22 RARS Gathering.

"We had four pre-registrants, two to seek Extra, one for General, and Tony O'Connor's son, Tony III, testing for Technician. Three applicants showed up and all were successful in achieving what they came for. So, we had one Extra upgrade, one General upgrade and one new Technician, KR4DLO. VEs present were Stan Disbrow, Julie Royster, Dennis Keith, Joe Hagerty, Doug Wall and me.

The upgrades were Nick Baker, W4NAB, to General and Austin Hyder, K4HYD, to Extra. We finished uploading all of the exam info to our Regional Coordinator about 6:40 pm, I think. At 7:04 pm, I received notification from Laurel VEC that the FCC had processed and granted the two upgrades and Tony III got his email shortly thereafter wherein it asked him to pay his \$35.00. That's about the quickest turn around I've witnessed and everyone was very happy."

73, Richard Hall KR4LH
RARS VE Coordinator

Explore Emergency Communications (EMCOMM)

Explore Emergency Communications (EMCOMM) through two great events by the Eastern Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (EHPC). On May 13, visit the Eastern Branch office, meet disaster response teams, and learn firsthand about their work and how you can help with communications. On June 17, join a self-paced virtual training to understand the role and needs of Amateur operators during emergencies. See the EHPC invitation below. For questions, contact Doug Wall N3LTV

Join us on May 13, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the NCEM Eastern Branch Office. This is a great opportunity for amateur radio clubs and EMCOMM support personnel to get involved and enhance regional coordination.

This event will help us prepare for the 2025 Hurricane Season and the EHPC Communication Exercise (COMMEX) on June 17, 2025. Ensuring Eastern NC is ready takes all of us!

Who Can Attend?

- You must be affiliated with an amateur radio club or EMCOMM support group in the region.
- AUXCOMM credentials are not required to participate.

Register Here: <https://nc.readyop.com/fs/4fan/89ecdc58>

Learn More About the EHPC COMMEX (June 17):

<https://subsplash.com/.../vqy58t5-2025-ehpc-hurricane-commex>

Let's work together to strengthen emergency communications across Eastern NC!

-Doug N3LTV

March 11, 2025 RARS meeting

President Fin Gold NC4FG called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reminded Zoom participants of a few notes about using Zoom. See the minutes for all the details during the meeting on [page 23](#).



Fin Gold, NC4FG & Chuck Till, K4RGN. Getting ready for the door prizes.



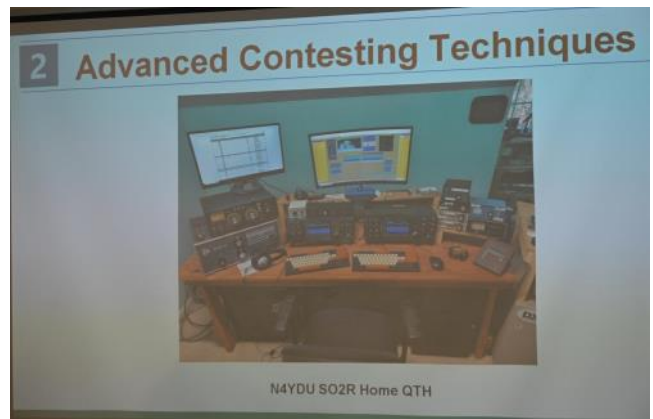
Chuck Till, K4RGN, giving out the door prizes

Park Anders, KR4DAG; Richard LaBarbara, KR4RL; Nick Baker, W4NAB

March 4, 2025 RARS meeting, continued

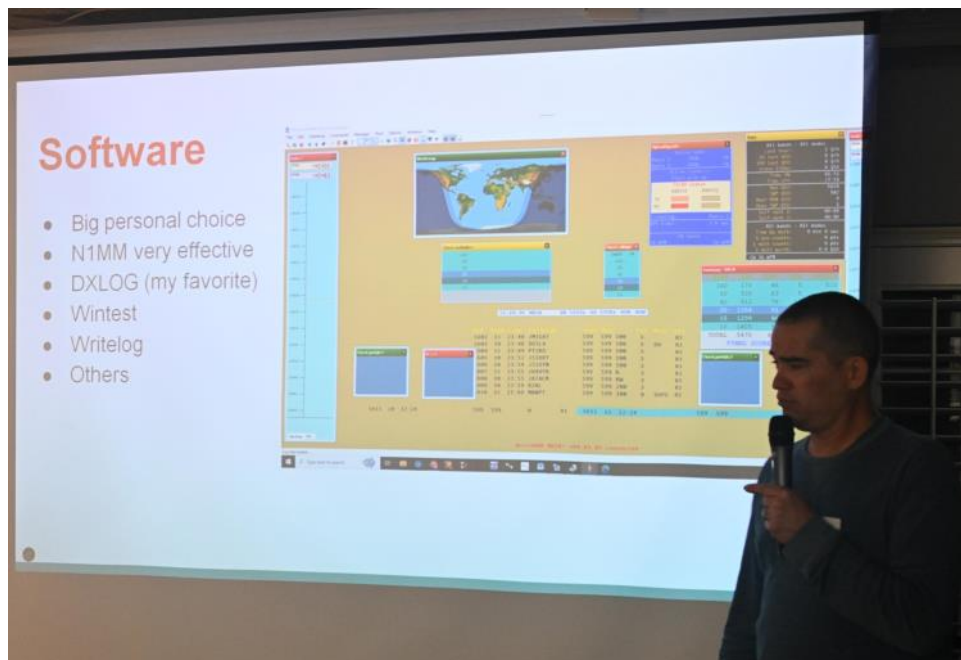


Chuck Till, K4RGN
presenting Ted Rapaport, N9NB with his
door prize of tickets to
the Dayton Hamvention.

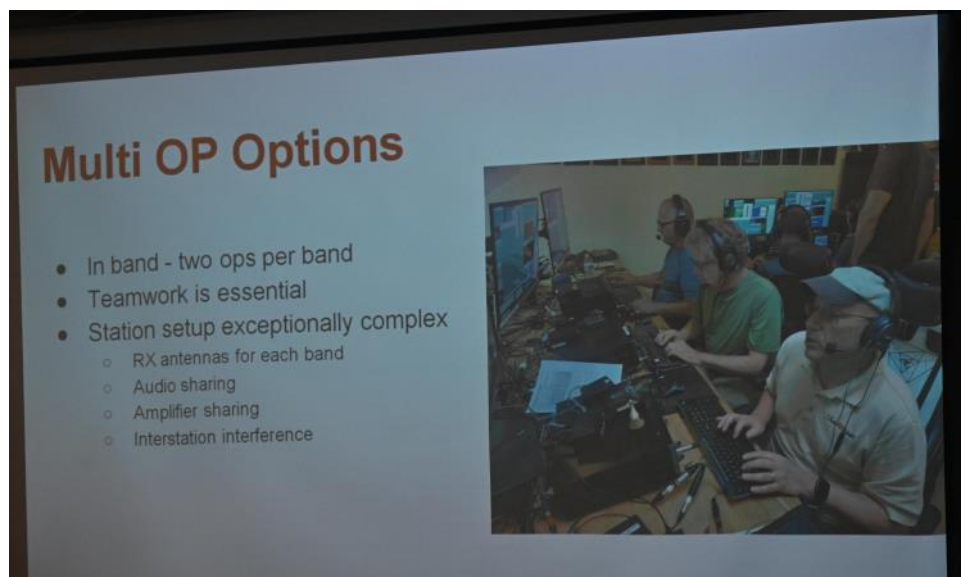


Nate Moreschi, N4YDU
Guest speaker
Advanced Contesting Techniques

March 4, 2025 RARS meeting, continued



Nate discussing Contesting Software

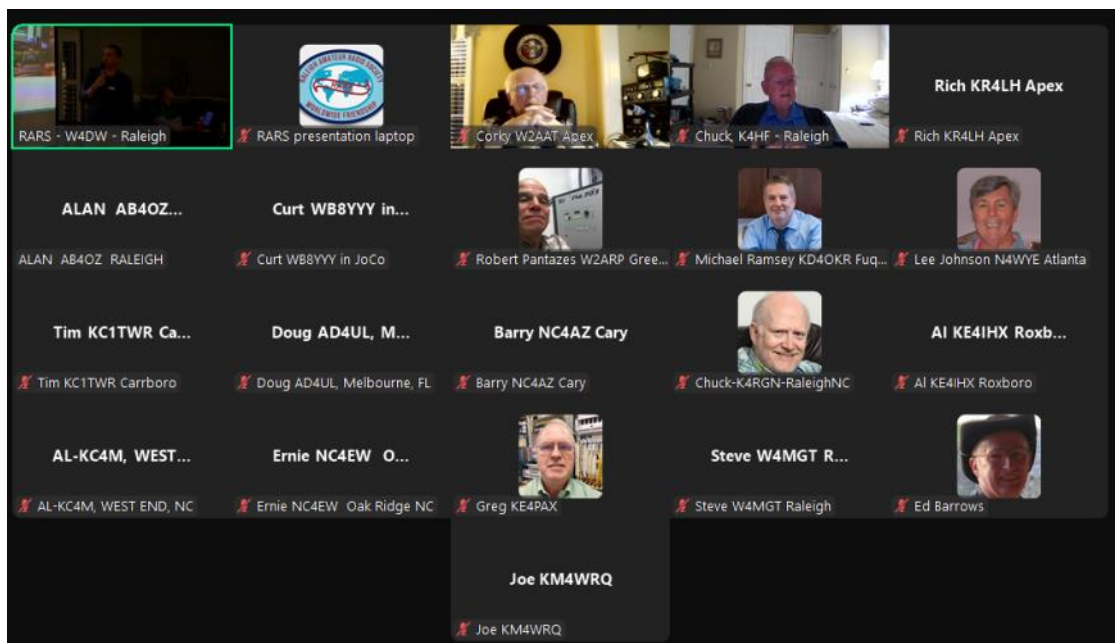


Operators at a contesting station

March 4, 2025 RARS meeting, continued

Full Name	Call Sign	Full Name	Call Sign
Brad Bazemore	KK4PWJ	Josh Kurland	KR4BTW
Brantley West	K4CBW	Julie Royster	KT4JR
Charles Swindell	WB4DCM	Ken Latchum	AD4GX
Christine North	KR4ANI	Nancy Torborg	KB2TNR
Chuck North	WJ4A	Nate Moreschi	N4YDU
Chuck Till	K4RGN	Nick Baker	KR4BTY
Dale Jones	WA4JCK	Park Anders	KR4DAG
David Burt	W4OFO	Randy Chellis	KR4BUR
Debbie Garland	KR4BTK	Richard Dennis	KE4COD
Dennis Mason	WZ0Q	Richard Kroeger	N1FUA
Denny Oestreich	KO4IBL	Richard Labarbera	KR4RL
Elena	NoCall	Stephen Haffly	NY4NC
Fin Gold	NC4FG	Tadd Torborg	KA2DEW
Hans Enders	KQ4UXZ	Ted Rappaport	N9NB
Jay Gilleece	KQ4PSK	Tom Lewis	N4TL
Joe Haggerty	N4BJH	Tom Schwartz	NC4TS
John Hollowell	K4JAH	Tony O'Connor	K1OC
Jonathan Osbrink	KB8QNE	Wilbur Goss	WD4RDT

36 People attended in person

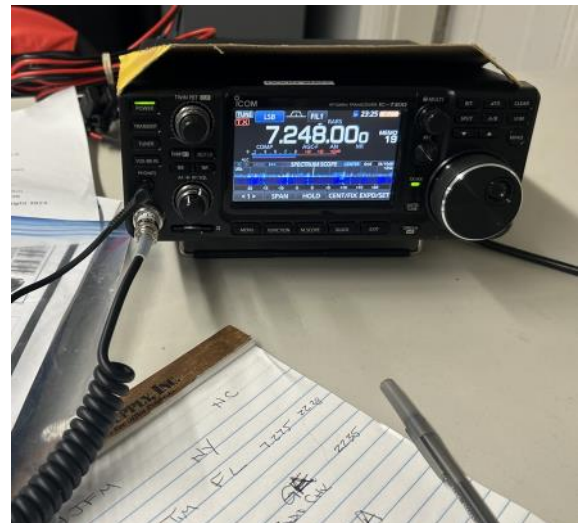


Screen capture showing 18 on Zoom, 54 total

Monthly In-Person RARS Gathering, April 22

Ridge Road Baptist Church, at [2011 Ridge Road, Raleigh](#)

The meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, but we start setting up at 6:00 pm, and you are welcome to bring your own ham radio equipment and projects to demonstrate, show off, or just work on with other like-minded hams -- we have plenty of tables. You might also find sources of coax, connectors, zip cord, Powerpoles®, and whatnot.



Miscellaneous pictures taken at the gathering

Monthly In-Person RARS Gathering, April 22, continued



Full Name	Call Sign	Full Name	Call Sign
Austin Hyder	K4HYD	Jonathan Osbrink	KB8QNE
Ben Madsen	KR4CYU	Lawrence Riley	KR4BGL
Bill Berzinskas	WW1H	Michael Johnson	KZ4LY
Billy Janke	KE4VNC	Mike Kenley	KO4PAS
Bob Starkenburg	W4TTX	Mike Nutt	K3LOE
Brantley West	K4CBW	Nancy Torborg	KB2TNR
Chuck North	WJ4A	Nick Baker	W4NAB
Daniel Berzinskas	KQ4GOB	Otis Nutt	NOCALL
Dave Cannon	KE7UJX	Renard Dellafave	KC4AQC
Dennis Keith	NC4DK	Richard Dennis	KE4COD
Dennis Mason	WZ0Q	Richard Hall	KR4LH
Devin Hedge	KN4FVH	Richard Kroeger	N1FUA
Doug Wall	N3LTV	Rob Bowser	KO4HUI
Fin Gold	NC4FG	Ryan Reed	N7RYN
Gary Murray	KQ4ICK	Scott Smitelli	K4LLZ
Jason Madsen	KR4CYV	Stan Disbrow	W2CK
Jay Gilleece	KQ4PSK	Stephen Haffly	NY4NC
Jeremey Lindsley	K2HJX	Tadd Torborg	KA2DEW
Joe Haggerty	N4BJH	Tim Thurber	WX4TIM
Joel Spratt	KR4DIN	Tom Beckett	KR4BTP
John Bowser	NOCALL	Tom Lewis	N4TL
John Hollowell	K4JAH	Tom Schwartz	NC4TS
Jon Suen	KG6K	Tony O'Connor	K1OC

46 People attended the April Gathering

RARS 2025 Field Day Update April 26, 2025

Date: Friday 9am, June 27 for Setup through 5pm Sunday, June 29 to Tear Down

Location: Raleigh Police Club, 3500 Leonard Road, Knightdale, NC

Call/Classification: W4DW/N4RAL 3A +GOTA and VHF/UHF

Chairman: Marty Young, W4MY

Staff/Mode Captains/Volunteers:

SSB: Bob Starkenburg, W4TTX

CW: Marty Young, W4MY

Digital: Devin Hedge, KN4FVH

GOTA: John Hollowell, K4JAH

VHF/UHF: Not yet determined

Hospitality and Education Activity: Richard Kroeger, N1FUA

Publicity/Media/Site Visit Manager: Fin Gold, NC4FG and Nancy Torborg, KB2TNR

Site Representative (Safety Officer): Not yet determined

Alternative Power Manager: Not yet determined

Message Handling and ARRL Bulletin Manager: Not yet determined

Field Day is exciting and RARS always puts in a full effort of support. We're looking forward to everyone working together to make it happen. Whether you are a new to ham radio or an experienced veteran, this annual event is to be experienced!

The volunteer staff is listed above. If you see any of them around, be sure to thank them for their help. Any one of them can answer questions you might have. If one of the areas has "Not yet determined" that may be a spot for you! Inquire, and your name and call will be added!

As far as a status report for May, we are working on the logistics. There will be a sign-up process for operating times via Signup Genius. There has been some concern expressed that scaling down to 3A and restructuring away from band management with fewer stations that operating opportunities will be diminished. That won't happen if we manage the operating schedule well.

Remember, Field Day is not a contest. We certainly want to score well, and that score is a reflection of our operating prowess. Most importantly, working together, cooperating, and solving radio related problems collectively is of top priority. These are the ultimate skills required making ready for "when the grid fails" as it did last year in western NC. Accomplishing that is where we find the win!

OK, we don't want to get lost in the serious stuff. We are also going to have a good time. And eat well! Let's put our best foot forward and have fun! We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the June RARS meeting where we'll be doing the formal Field Day presentation. Till then, mark out these dates in June so you can be a part!

73 Marty W4MY
2025 Field Day Chairman

RARS Member Birthdays

George	N2GXC	05/01
Richard	KR4LH	05/01
Angus	KO4LZU	05/01
Corey	KR4BTX	05/02
Pete	K4BLY	05/03
Matt	NC4SU	05/03
John	KJ4JAS	05/04
Ron	KJ4DNS	05/04
Julie	KM4JEN	05/04
Liz	KO4CK	05/05
Larry	KG4FIQ	05/05
Michael	KG5AWR	05/06
Rick	N9VMQ	05/06
Renard	KC4AQC	05/07
Alanna	K4AAC	05/08
John	N4JMB	05/08
Hank	K4HM	05/08
Wayne	K6TWX	05/08
Carla	KB4MDY	05/09
Brian	KA9QJT	05/10
Bob	NC1X	05/11
Jason	KX4HV	05/13
Bill	W4WDG	05/15
Joe	AF1E	05/16
Frank	W4NPN	05/17
Mark	KQ4OKC	05/18
Glenn	WA4VSL	05/19
Steve	N9SZ	05/20
Bill	AK4BL	05/20
Douglas	KN4DSZ	05/20
Joe	K4UOO	05/24
Nick	W4NAB	05/26
Louise	KR4CYB	05/28
Hugh	KD4WJD	05/30

RARS Member Birthdays

Ken	AD4GX	05/31
Neil	KM4JEL	05/31

RARS New Members

Nick Baker	W4NAB
Josh Wyatt	KQ4RBO
Chuck North	WJ4A
Christine North	KR4ANI
Cat Hall	KM4MDT
Curt Milton	WB8YYY
Tim Thurber	WX4TIM
Donald Kearns	KR4CYY
Sean Sullivan	KR4CXZ
Jim Smith	KR4CXY
Harlem Makemson	KR4CYT
Chris Buttine	KC1GN
Andrea Buttine	Not Licensed
Van Crandall	KR4CWX
Jerry Brannon	KR4DAV
Kevin James	KR4CWT
Judah Pulley	KR4CXF
Bill Koutsoukos	KR4CWG
Jason Madsen	KR4CYV
Ben Madsen	KR4CYU
Louise Beasley	KR4CYB
Wayne Beasley, Jr	KO4OJC
Richard Dennis	KE4COD
Nathan Moreschi	N4YDU
Don Adams	AD4XR
Alex Garcia	KR4BTZ
Dennis Lofton	Not Licensed
Tony O'Connor III	KR4DLO
Elliot Johnson	KR4BUA

RARS MONTHLY SUPPER , IHOP RESTAURANT APRIL 15, 2025



Names left to right around the table.

Jim Sylivant, K4CPW; Jonathan Osbrink, KB8QNE; Bob Starkenburg, W4TTX; Chuck Littlewood, K4HF;
Dennis Mason, WZ0Q; Bruce Woodry, W8TWT; Chuck Till, K4RGN;

Picture by N4TL

April 2025

RARS Net Report

30 2m nets: 389 checkins, 790 minutes

4 6m nets: 44 checkins, 54 minutes

Julie Royster, KT4JR, RARS net manager

Deepest Sympathies



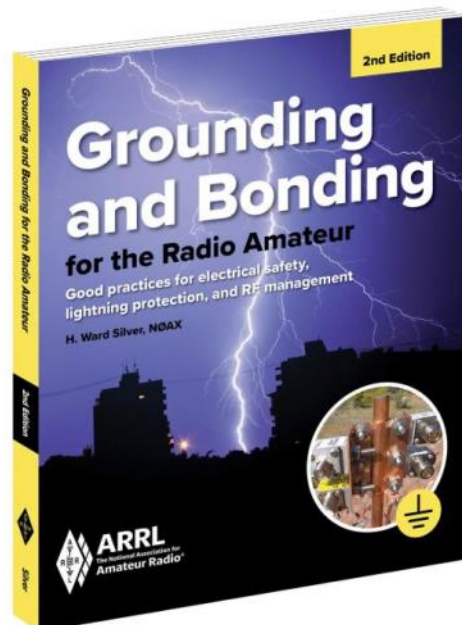
Curt, W4CP at
RARS Field Day
June 22, 2019

A transfer of \$50 has been made to the RARS / Dick Bitner Youth Education fund in memory of William “Curt” Phillips W4CP (October 23, 1954 – May 2, 2025)

Here is a link to the obituary, <https://www.parrishfh.com/obituary/william-phillips>

ARRL grounding and bonding book.

On one of the nets I check into there was a question about how to run wire between ground rods. This book covers the subject very well. The second edition has new material.



73 Tom, N4TL

<https://www.rars.org>

RARS Classifieds

Copied from <https://www.rars.org/classifieds.php>

The items below were listed within the last 30 days on the RARS website.
Check the RARS Classified List on the RARS website regularly for new items.

Brand New 14V 100Amp Power Supply and a Brand New (Huge) UV25 Tri-Band 1000 Cha. HT

Posted May 5th, 2025 by: KQ4ICK

Contact: garrydougasmurray@gmail.com

Hello Fellows!

I have New 14 Volt, 100 Amp, Power Supply (Carl Built) that will run most anything, I thought I would need it, but... Asking \$300 for Super Quality.

I also have a New Baofeng UV25 1000 channel HT with long lasting battery, VHF, UHF and 220. It has all of the GMRS, FMRS, Local Raleigh Area Repeaters and plenty of channels waiting to be commanded. This one is so nice and easy to use with instant search and copy frequencies nearby, 10Watts, large screen, three power settings, drop in charger, etc.. I thought I would need it to go with my other 3 HTs Ha! All for \$50

Thank you! Garry

hy-gain IC-20 Rotator Controller

Posted May 3rd, 2025 by: W4MGT

Contact: W4MGT jenx4321@gmail.com

Free:

I-20 Controller for use with Model AR-30/AR-40 Rotator. Solid State Antenna Direction Indicator. Manufactured October 1983.

It does need a new 240uf 40V electrolytic capacitor.

This is just the controller (no rotator).

RARS Classifieds continued

Baofeng UV 5R dualband HT

Posted April 23rd, 2025 by: WZ0Q

Contact: wz0q@outlook.com

Lke new Baofeng UV 5R HT

radio is programmed with local repeaters

comes with original box,manual, and all hardware

5 watt unit, 128 memories

asking \$15.00 Firm

Dennis wz0q

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Discount Estate Items

Posted April 21st, 2025 by: NC4FG

Contact: NC4FG nc4fgfin@gmail.com

I have many items donated for sale with profit going to RARS (some 75% owner/25% RARS and some 100% RARS). All items are priced well under what others are asking elsewhere. All local pickup or meetup in or near Raleigh.

The list of items is fluid, so I'm tracking them in a Google Sheet. Take a look at it here:

[Details and Pictures](#)

Contact me with serious interest and in-person demo/inspection.

nc4fgfin@gmail.com

RARS Classifieds continued

Agilent E4402B Spectrum Analyzer/Communications Tester

Posted April 21st, 2025 by: NC4FG

Contact: NC4FG nc4fgfin@gmail.com

The club was donated lab quality Spectrum Analyzers. They include demodulators which makes them excellent communications testers. We've been testing them and we now have for sale a few great instruments.

The donated value was \$1,000.

\$700 is a good deal.

\$500 is a steal.

Get yours for \$500.

All proceeds go to RARS. [Link to testing video](#)

Contact me to coordinate a local demo and purchase. nc4fgfin@gmail.com

5.5kw generator

Posted April 21st, 2025 by: KN4RWI

Contact: shrobbie@aol.com

I have a 5.5kw generator for sale. I installed a new 7gal tank. was 650 new would like 350. email me if you are interested.

Tuners For Sale

Posted April 11th, 2025 by: N4YDU

Contact: N4YDU

Johnson KW Matchbox in fair shape with coupler - \$200

Johnson KW Matchbox in fair shape with coupler - \$175

Icom AT-500 Auto Tuner in good shape - \$150

Please email me if interested - n4ydu@yahoo.com.

RARS Classifieds continued

Help a Ham Downsize

Posted April 11th, 2025 by: W4BOH

Contact: W4BOH

infomet@embarqmail.com

For faster service contact Bruce, N1LN, at bemeier@bellsouth.net to claim items, request pictures, or arrange pickup. Items are in western Chapel Hill.

Shipping is possible, if buyer pays USPS.

2. Hewlett Packard bench power supply: Dual outputs at 0 – 40v, .075 or .75A. Bench tested no load, \$65.00

3. DX Engineering Coax tools. In “same as new condition” DXE-UT-8213 Stripper, box of spare blades and DXE-CGH-8U Gripper. Cost new \$64.99 and \$15.99 plus tax and shipping. Both for \$50.00

4. K1EL USB Keyer with interface cable. Tested and in LIKE NEW condition. Manual and software available on-line. New \$139.00 Sell for \$75.00

7. LogicKey 5 in Like New condition w/PDF manual. Tested using (3) AAA batteries. Was \$175.00 new, but discontinued in November of 2018. \$40.00

9. Jones Connectors – (2 sets) NEW 8 pin male and female (\$25.00/set new), (1 set) used male, new female 6 pin (19.95/set new). Sell all three sets for \$40.00.

10. New in the bags – 1 set of 9 pin Molex connectors. 1 male / 1 female with pins, \$3.00

12. Alfa 5325 Digital Multimeter with case in like new condition and TESTED, \$15.00

The numbers skip because some items sold already.

Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

April 1, 2025
7:00 PM on Zoom

- 1) Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by VP Chuck Till. Those present were Chuck Till K4RGN, Julie Royster KT4JR, Alan Pitegoff AB4OZ, Richard Hall KR4LH, Nancy Torborg KB2TNR, Jon Suen KG6K, Ken Latchum AD4GX, Tom Lewis N4TL, Chuck Littlewood K4HF, Greg Seamster KE4PAX, Tadd Torborg KA2DEW, Brantley West K4CBW, and Tony O'Connor K1OC.. There were no visitors.
- 2) Quorum Call –Chuck Till asked Secretary Julie Royster if a quorum was present, and she affirmed that a quorum was achieved.
- 3) Approval of Minutes from the March 2025 Board Meeting: Chuck Till requested a motion to approve the March BOD minutes, and Richard Hall so moved. The motion being seconded, it was passed unanimously.
- 4) Old Business: none
- 5) New Business
 - a) Trustee Coordinator and Trustee Policy Chuck Till recommended that we postpone consideration of this issue until next month.
 - b) RARS Repeater Committee Update Chuck Till thanked Chuck Decourt for his service on the repeater committee and welcomed Jon Suen as the new chair of this committee. He also thanked Alan Pitegoff for his assistance to the committee. Jon presented slides about the status of all the RARS repeaters and described the needs of RARS repeaters going forward. His detailed slides can be viewed at this link:<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ePqn8kDqEKZs3qnDbYzDTgmMipJTZN5SS0zuCR0y6nM/edit#slide=id.p> There was a brief discussion of how to handle unlicensed persons who talk on the repeater.
 - c) Criteria for free RARS membership There was a discussion about the current policy to offer free membership to anyone who is a student in a class offered by RARS or who receives their first licensure at a RARS VE test session, as well as the duration of the free membership, which varies depending upon the time of the membership year in which the class occurs, with a maximum of 18 months. This item will be carried forward to next month. Chuck asked for someone to write this up clearly.

RARS Board of Directors Meeting minutes continued

6) Officers' Reports

- a) Treasurer's Report – Greg Seamster KE4PAX There are currently 535 members. Next month we will discuss how many members constitutes a quorum for voting.
- b) Secretary's Report – Julie Royster KT4JR The minutes are up to date.

7) Committee Reports:

- a) Net Manager Julie Royster, KT4JR Nets are proceeding as usual.
- b) Education Director Denny Oestreich, KO4IBL Nothing new.
- c) Club License Trustees Tom Lewis, N4TL No change.
- d) Exciter Editor Tom Lewis, N4TL Working on the next issue.
- e) RARSfest Chair Nancy Torborg, KB2TNR Quicksilver cancelled as a RARSfest exhibitor, as well as the Apex van cancelled. Ticket sales are up compared to last year, and things are looking good.
- f) ARRL Liaison Chuck Littlewood, K4HF There will be lots of ARRL activity at the RARSfest.
- g) RARS VE Coordinator Richard Hall, KR4LH There are 26 applicants registered so far to test at RARSfest.
- h) RARS Webmaster Tony O'Connor, K1OC There have been brief outages occasionally, and Tony has asked the provider about this.
- i) Youth Chairman Brantley West, K4CBW There was a recent portable operating event with 15 attendees. Brantley will present at RARSfest about different areas of interest in ham radio.
- j) At Large Director Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ Nothing new.
- k) At Large Director Tadd Torborg, KA2DEW Nothing new.
- l) At Large Director Ken Latchum, AD4GX Nothing new.

8) Other comments from Board Members Greg Seamster stated that typically the board has looked at a draft budget in April and approved it in May. On our new meeting schedule the board will see a draft in May, get BOD approval in June, and present it to the membership in June.

9) Adjournment

Chuck Till requested a motion to adjourn. Tony O'Connor so moved, and the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Royster KT4JR

RARS General Membership Meeting minutes

April 8, 2025, 7:30 PM

In person and on Zoom

1. President Fin Gold NC4FG called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reminded Zoom participants of a few tips about using Zoom. President Gold praised the team members who worked together to stage a very successful RARSfest. He then called attention to the display showing how Field Day will operate this year: there will be 3 main stations – 1 for digital, 1 for CW, and 1 for voice. Participants will take turns logging, calling, and swapping in and out to give everyone a chance to help in each function. Put June 28-29 Field Day on your calendar!
2. President Gold asked if any new members, visitors, or newly upgraded licensees were present. Visitors present were: Nate Moreschi N4YDU, Richard Dennis KE4COD, Park Anders KR4DAG, Ted Rappaport N9NB, and Elena (unlicensed). New members present were: Richard LaBarbara KR4RL, Christine North KR4ANI, and Chuck North WJ4A.
3. President Gold asked Secretary Julie Royster for a quorum call (in-person + Zoom). She replied that a quorum had not been reached. Therefore, approval of the March meeting minutes was delayed.
4. Vice President's Report or announcements – Chuck Till, K4RGN Chuck announced that the May program will concern NASA's deep space network.
5. Secretary's Report or announcements – Julie Royster, KT4JR The minutes are up to date.
6. Treasurer's Report or announcements – Greg Seamster, KE4PAX Membership is currently at 560. We anticipate a \$5000 profit from RARSfest, with over 1600 tickets sold.
7. Specific Announcements or Reports from Directors
 - a) Announcements by Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ On April 12 there will be a quarterly 10m net. Upcoming hamfests include Winston-Salem on April 12, Goldsboro on May 13, and the free AB4OZ fest on May 17 at the Ridge Road Baptist Church.
 - b) The next Board Meeting will be held at 7 PM Tuesday, May 6, 2025 on Zoom, Fin Gold NC4FG
 - c) Door Prize Drawing and picture of winners for the Exciter. Winners were: Nick Baker W4NAB, Richard LaBarbara KR4RL, Park Anders KR4DAG, and the winner of the special drawing for 2 free tickets to Dayton was Ted Rappaport N9NB.
8. VP Chuck Till, K4RGN, to Introduce Program: Advanced Techniques for Contesting Presented by Nathan Moreschi N4YDU
9. Following the program President Gold asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion being made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Royster KT4JR